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ALLIES DRIVE GERMAN ARMY BACK;
OCCUPY TRENCHES, PARIS REPORTSBAFF 'MURDER CAR' LOCATED,
AND GUNMEN'S AGENT WHO
HIRED IT FOUND BY POLICEHunt Man Who Engineered
Long Series of Assaults on
Slain Man.

IS RIVAL IN BUSINESS.

Important Clue to Slaying
Identity Is Also Un-
covered.This is the twelfth day since
Barnet Buff was shot to death
by two gunmen in crowded West
Washington Market. No arrests.One of more important arrests in
the Buff murder mystery are expected
every minute at Police Head-
quarters.The go-between who arranged for
the use of the "murder car" and who
secured the services of two gunmen
in the Jersey chicken terminals to
slay Barnet Buff is one who is ex-
pected to be apprehended. His name
and antecedents are known to the de-
tectives.This is the same "fixer," it has be-
come known, who engineered the gang
of black-jackers and "strong-arm"
men in West Washington Market and
pushed them to the series of assaults
on Barnet Buff as well as the beating
of Harry Buff a short time ago.This individual from time to time
has been employed as a "chicken pull-
er" in the freight yards of Hoboken
and Weehawken terminals. But his
haunts are in Manhattan, and it is in
Manhattan the detectives expect to
arrest him.To-day's sudden developments in
the case followed the positive location
of the "murder car" in which the
murderers escaped after the slaying
of Buff.Not only have detectives narrowed
the tedious process of elimination
down to this single car, which has
been identified as the one used and
answers every point of description
given by eye witnesses, but they have
the name of the man who hired the
car on the day of the murder.They know that the "murder car"
left the garage on the afternoon of
the murder, was returned to the gar-
age a short time after the murder
and has not been out of cover since.The garage is not in New York
City, the detectives say, but it is at
a point not far from the city's bound-
aries.Its owner has several times rented
his car to gangsters and gunmen, it
has been learned, for joy rides or
purposes less innocent. He knew
when he rented the car on the day
of Buff's death that the man who
took it out was acting as go-between
for somebody else.Further, a very strong "lead" in
the direction of the identity of the two
gunmen who did the actual killing
has followed close upon the discovery
of the car and the go-between. They
are also "chicken pullers" who live
in Jersey and who are believed to be
working now in the Jersey chicken
market or among the cars in the
freight terminals.Whitman Aide Weds.
Assistant District Attorney William
A. De Ford was married at noon to-
day to Miss Marie McGrath, daughter
of J. J. McGrath of West End Avenue
and Eighty-sixth Street. The cere-
mony was performed by the Rev. Dr.
John Wade at the Church of St. John
the Evangelist. The bride was attended
by Miss Helen Yorke and Mr. De Ford
by his former law partner, W. Albert
Whitman.FIXED POSTS GONE;
WOODS ABOLISHES
1,042 OUT OF 1,200Policemen Predicted System
Would Go and It Seems
They Were Right.The fixed post system has been
practically abolished by Police Com-
missioner Woods. When Mr. Waldo
went out of office a year ago there
were 1,200 policemen on fixed posts
every night from 10 o'clock until day-
light. Now there are only 158 fixed
posts in the Greater City. A police-
man could be found on duty every
two blocks on the main avenues in
the city.Police Commissioner Woods has
been denying for some time that he
contemplated the abandonment of the
fixed post idea, but patrolmen have
been asserting at the same time that
the fixed post would go within the
year. The patrolmen were right. Com-
missioner Woods's experiments in
"modifications" of the fixed post idea
have progressed so far that there will
probably be no fixed posts at all by the
first of January except at points of
traffic congestion from 11 o'clock P.
M. to 1 o'clock A. M.Under the fixed post system every-
body knew where a policeman could
be found at any time from 10 o'clock
at night until 6 o'clock the next
morning. In the thickly populated
residence districts any citizen could
look from his window at any hour of
the night and see a policeman with-
in four blocks. Within the past
month it has been noticed that po-
licemen have practically disappeared
from uptown streets after midnight.Instead of the fixed post idea which
placed one policeman at a street inter-
section for a tour of duty of from half
an hour to an hour, depending on the
weather, and another policeman on
active patrol within a zone of which
the fixed post was the hub, the Com-
missioner has installed in a few pre-
cincts experimental light signals and
telephone signal systems. The light
system plan is in operation in the
Tenderloin.Green flashlights on posts have been
installed at certain corners. The lights
can be operated from the station house
or by any citizen. They are supposed
to be visible to all patrolmen. Tests
conducted by policemen whose chief
object in life has been to wipe out
the fixed post system have established
to the satisfaction of Commissioner
that the green light flash is a good
thing.In the West Forty-seventh and
East Fifty-first Street precincts
Commissioner Woods has installed a
system by which patrolmen are to be
summoned to signal boxes by tele-
phone. Experiments with this plan,
conducted by policemen whose chief
object in life was to get rid of the
fixed post, where they were always on
view, has established to the satisfac-
tion of the Commissioner that a pa-
trolman can be summoned by the
lieutenant in the station house within
three minutes.
The excuse for abolishing the fixed
post is that it required too many men.
It is claimed that posts in congested
districts, such as the east side, have
been shortened until now some of
them extend only three blocks, and a
policeman is always within call. It is
also claimed that 700 patrolmen havePOLICE SAY HUBBY
OF MANY HAD NEW
WIFE EACH MONTHTwo of Alleged "Marriage Mill"
Proprietors' Spouses Start
Hunt for Him.

SAY HE GOT THEIR CASH.

Friend of Missing Von Wagner
Is Held on Suspicion of
Aiding Him.Two of the many wives of Karl von
Wagner were in Recorder McGovern's
court in Hoboken this morning. Otto
Klee, who is under arrest on suspicion
of being connected with the alleged
bigamous pursuits of the missing Von
Wagner, was not called into court.One of Von Wagner's wives was
formerly Miss Anna Kohler of Chi-
cago. She is tall and dark and hand-
some. Another, who was in court,
was formerly Miss Rose Stetten, small,
light and plain in appearance. To
know von Wagner cost the former
\$507 and the latter \$850. But there
seemed some lingering affection for
the dashing wife-getter in the breast
of each.The police of Hoboken believe Von
Wagner, who has as many names as
he has wives, victimized not less than
a score of women. Love cut no cal-
culation in his business it is charged.
His victims were all house servants.
He didn't marry them as soon as he
met them. At least one of them he
corresponded with for a year, before
he married her. Then, as soon as he
got her money, he was off for new
pastures, it is alleged.According to the former Miss
Kohler, he was plausible. According
to both her and the former Miss
Stetten, he was very handsome, had
winning ways, dark eyes, pearly teeth,
a gorgeous smile and oh! such a dar-
ling mustache. The Hoboken au-
thorities estimate the missing hus-
band took a wife about once a month."I met Mr. von Wagner, or what-
ever his name is, through an ad-
vertisement he put in the paper in
Chicago," said the former Miss
Kohler. "We were married in Waukegan
about a week after I met him. He
told me the firm he worked for
was anxious that he get married,
promising him \$50 a month more
salary and a bonus. I told him I had
\$507 in a bank in Chicago, and he had
me get the money. I haven't seen
him since.""I came to New York and found
he was living with another woman at
No. 521 Bloomfield Avenue, Hoboken.
I suppose I made a mistake in going
to the house before telling the police.
When I went back with the police, he
was gone. That is his other wife,
who was Miss Stetten.""The 'other wife' said she met the
missing man through friends. She
had also met his friend, Otto Klee.
She says Von Wagner married her
in Chicago under the name of Otto
Edelman a month ago. The Hoboken
authorities say they have discovered
he married Miss Anna Scheller,
of New Haven, Conn., at Stamford,
Conn., Sept. 21, and got from her \$500.Von Wagner's two wives were taken
before United States Commissioner
Edward R. Stanton in Hoboken to-
day. They told their story to him in
detail. Assistant United States Dis-
trict Attorney George Lynch of Jersey
City said he will ask a warrant for
the arrest of von Wagner under the
Mann White Slave Law.been sent to Brooklyn and outlying
districts where they are needed.
No reports have been received from
the outlying districts about a multi-
tude of policemen swarming all over
the landscape in the stillly watches
of the night. But people out late
at night of business or pleasure have
noted recently that it is a rare thing
to come across a policeman.Two of "Wife-a-Month" Hubby's Spouses;
Man Accused of Helping Him Wed Many

ROSE STETTEN EDELMAN.



ANNA KOHLER VAN WAGNER.

EX-JUDGE ENNIS
QUITS ALIMONY
CLUB IN HURRYGuards Thought It Was for
Martini, but \$893 Board
Bill Solved Mystery.Ludlow Street Jail's alimony col-
ony lost its most distinguished mem-
ber when the venerable Alfred Ennis,
former Supreme Court Justice of In-
diana, hurried out of the prison to-
day.He was arrested last Tuesday at
the instance of Mrs. Norma Schiller
Ennis, his twenty-seven-year-old
bride, who is forty-three years his
junior.The Judge wore his silk hat—which
he had locked up in the jailer's safe
during his sojourn in Alimony Col-
ony—and his frock coat. When the
guards were opened for the veteran
jurist he skipped out like a two-year-
old and never said so much as "good-
bye, boys," to the two guards who
were kind enough to open the gates
in a hurry for him.He would not say why he was in a
hurry, but the guards ventured the
assertion he was dying of thirst for
a Martini cocktail, a luxury which the
Judge was denied while in jail. He
was greatly peeved because he could
not have it.But the guards were wrong. It was
not a Martini that made the Judge
exit so quickly. The real reason de-
veloped a little later, when a man of
slight build but with piercing eyes
appeared on the steps outside the jail
doors."I'm looking for Judge Ennis," re-
plied the man. "He'll be out pretty
soon, won't he? I've got a warrant
for him and I want him to explain
a board bill for \$893 at the Waldorf-
Astoria, judgment for which has
been taken against him in the
courts.""Well, I'm sorry," drawled the
guard, "but Judge Ennis just passed
through these doors, going west. I
surely could not have missed him. He
wore a blue hat and an under-
taker's coat, and I think he's looking
for a Martini.""Which Martini?" asked the de-
tective."Dry Martini," said the guard.
And the detective dashed out in the
direction of the nearest oasis.
CHIEF BENDER IS LATEST
STAR TO JUMP TO FEDS.
(Special to The Evening World.)
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 5.—Chief
Bender, the great Indian hunter of the
Athletics, signed a Federal League
contract to-day, according to a tele-
gram received at the Federal League
headquarters here from Harry Gold-
man, Secretary of the Baltimore Fed-
eration. Bender will not pitch for the Ter-
rapians.OFFERS HIS OWN BLOOD
FOR MAN HE STABBEDPrisoner Confesses Attack. Then
Wants to Save His Victim
by Transfusion.Garrahd Erian quit work on the
night shift in the Havemeyer Sugar
Refinery, South Fourth Street, Wil-
lamsburg, at 6 A. M. to-day and
started for the Broadway ferry on
the way to No. 331 East Twenty-fifth
Street, where he lives. Some one lying
in wait stabbed him in the left side
and left him unconscious on the pav-
ement at South Sixth Street and Kent
Avenue, where the motorman of a
trolley car discovered him.The police arrested Harzay Derde-
man of No. 332 East Twenty-fourth
Street and took him to the Eastern
District Hospital to see whether
Erian could identify him; but Derde-
man forestalled this by confessing he
had stabbed Erian. He did not know
why, he said. He offered to give his
blood for transfusion if the doctors
thought it would save Erian's life.
The police are keeping him at the
hospital.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Nooderdijk, Rotterdam 11 A. M.
Nieuw Amsterdam, Rotterdam 11 A. M.
Minnetonka, London 12 M.Public Service
in High Favor!Not the work done by the P. S. C. to
make the B. R. T., the N. Y. C., the N.
Y. T. & C., come to time, but the
service rendered by THE WORLD'S
GREAT WANT DIRECTORY in af-
fording its manifold readers opportu-
nities to work, hire, rent, buy, sell, in-
vest, locate lost articles, &c., &c.What publicity-seekers think of The
World as an advertising medium is clear-
ly shown by the fact that during the
last eleven months1,203,148 WANTS WERE PRINTED IN
THE WORLD.551,815 More Than in
the Herald.And what the people generally think of
The World as a newspaper may be read
between these lines:Every morning and Sunday THE
World has a CIRCULATION in
New York City GREATER than the
Herald, Times, Sun and Tribune ADDED
TOGETHER.Use and Read Sunday World
Ads. To-Morrow!BLIND TWENTY YEARS,
SIGHT IS RESTOREDNinety-Year-Old Man Successfully
Treated by Woman Surgeon
in Philadelphia Hospital.PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Kemp-
ton Isaac Williams, ninety years old,
of No. 845 North Twentieth Street, a
veteran of the Mexican and Civil
wars, has had his sight restored after
being blind for twenty years. The
veteran was led into the Women's
Medical College about a month ago
for treatment for another ailment. Dr.
Mary Buchanan, in the course of an
examination, asked him how long he
had been blind. "I haven't seen a ray
of light for twenty years," he mum-
bled. After he had been treated for
the trouble which caused him to go to
the institution Dr. Buchanan asked
him if she might try to restore
his sight.The doctor performed one of the
most delicate operations known to
optical science. For a month the old
patient lay with eyes heavily band-
aged. A few days ago the bandages
were removed and a strong light was
put before his eyes. He shouted in
joy as he realized that he could de-
tect color. Other lights were placed
before him with the same success.
To-day he was permitted to walk
about his room."HERE COMES MAYOR!"
"THERE GOES CONRAD!"That's How It Will Be Next Time,
Says Conrad Kreeker, Arrested for
"Annoying" Mr. Mitchell."The next time some one shouts,
'Here comes the Mayor!' some one else
will be shouting, 'There goes Con-
rad,'" said Conrad Kreeker of No.
503 West Fifty-seventh Street to-
day after he had been arraigned in
the Jefferson Market Police Court for
"annoying" Mayor Mitchell. He was
discharged by Magistrate Krotel."Here's the way it is," explained
Kreeker. "I'm driving a team for
George Cooper of Twelfth Street and
Fourth Avenue, and I'm near Grace
Episcopal Church Thursday and
some one yells that the Mayor is
near. I jump from my wagon and
run to see him. I edged my way up
in the crowd, when some one yelled,
'Let the Mayor alone,' and next thing
I knew two detectives were lamming
me in the face. Then they arrested
me for bothering the Mayor.""Well, I've lost my job. But I've
seen the Mayor. And I never want to
see another Mayor."

SAILING TO-DAY.

Lusitania, Liverpool 10 A. M.
Minnehaha, London 10 A. M.
Varena, Naples 12 M.
Pascaron, Havana 12 M.
Graydon, San Juan 12 M.BIG GAINS ARE MADE
IN ATTACK BY ALLIES
AS BIG STORM RAGESParis Reports They Have Taken a
Position That Has Been Contested
for a Month—Battle at Lods
Bloodiest of War.GERMANS REPORT REPULSE
OF THE ALLIES' ATTACKSPARIS, Dec. 5 (United Press).—The allies have further
advanced their lines in Belgium and northern France all
the western end of their battle line and also in the Argonne
where desperate fighting is reported in the official com-
munique from the War Office to-day. At one point they
gained five hundred yards.A position between Dixmude and Ypres, long contested
for by the opposing armies, has been taken and held in the
face of counter-attacks by the Germans. North of the Lys
two lines of trenches have been captured and similar gains
have been made in the Argonne.Extremely bad weather prevails in Flanders, but the Germans are
being allowed no rest that might enable them to gather strength for a final
assault in an effort to reach Calais.The centre of the fighting in this region continues to be in the vicinity
of Ypres. During the last few days a howling gale, driving before it sleet
and snow, has swept the fighting line.PARIS, Dec. 5 (Associated Press).—The official communication given
out in Paris this afternoon says:"To the north of the Lys we have made perceptible progress.
Our infantry, making its attack at daybreak, occupied in one opera-
tion two lines of entrenchments. The advance here was of 500
yards.""A part of the hamlet of Wiedendreef, one kilometre to the
northwest of Langermarck, has remained in our possession. In
front of Poesele, half way between Dixmude and Ypres, we took
possession, on the right bank of the canal, of a house belonging
to a ferryman, the occupation of which has been disputed spir-
itedly for a month.""The enemy endeavored, but without success, to compel us
by means of a violent attack with heavy artillery to evacuate
the conquered ground.""In the region of Arras and in Champagne there have been
intermittent cannonades from one side and the other. Rheims
has been bombarded with particular severity. On our part we
have destroyed with our heavy artillery several earth fortifica-
tions of the enemy.""In the Argonne the contest continues to be very hotly
waged. We have occupied several trenches and repulsed all
counter-attacks.""In Lorraine and in Alsace there is nothing of importance to
report."Attacks Near Metz and in Flanders
Repulsed, Says Berlin ReportBERLIN (by wireless to London), Dec. 5 (Associated Press).—Prop-
ress of German forces in the west is reported in an official statement given
out this afternoon at the army headquarters. The statement follows:"French attacks yesterday in Flanders and the south of
Metz were repulsed. We made progress at La Bassée, in the forest
of the Argonne and in the region southwest of Altkirch.""In the fighting to the east of the Mazurian Lakes the situa-
tion is favorable for us, and in minor operations there we took
1,200 prisoners."

"Our operations in Poland are taking a normal course."

"The Corriere del Terra estimates that the losses among the
French troops amount to at least 50 per cent. of those engaged
in the war and that losses of even greater proportions have been
suffered by the territorials."Germans Charge Over Their Dead
In Bloodiest Battle in PolandPARIS, Dec. 5 (United Press).—A Petrograd message declares
that the Lods battle has terminated in a brilliant victory for the Russians
have been confirmed.The Russians captured many prisoners, cannon and machine guns.
PETROGRAD (Via London), Dec. 5 (Associated Press).—